

The “Cradle to Career” Education Strategy: ESEA Reauthorization*



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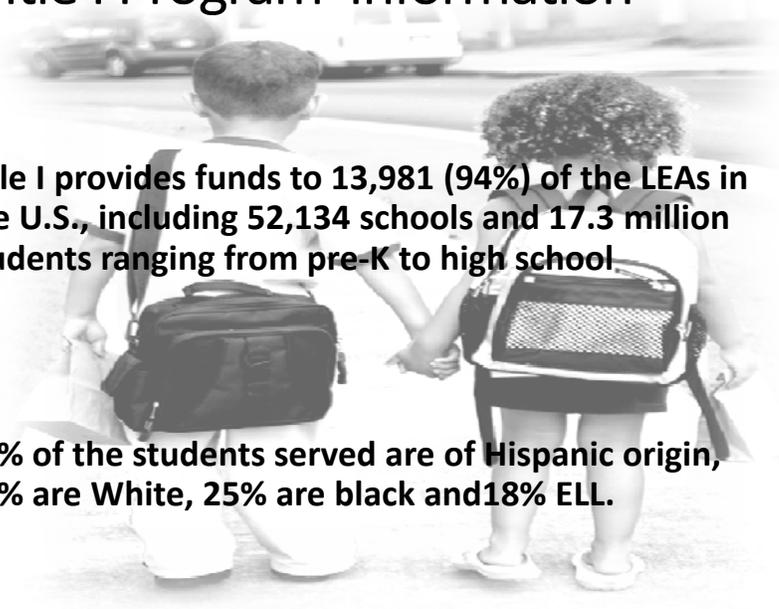
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Secretary Duncan and the Stevenson's

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan poses with Mrs. Cletus Stevenson, Mrs. Tanya Stevenson Quick and Dr. Zollie Stevenson, Jr. on the occasion of Dr. Stevenson's retirement from the US Department of Education

Title I Program Information

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- **Title I provides funds to 13,981 (94%) of the LEAs in the U.S., including 52,134 schools and 17.3 million students ranging from pre-K to high school**
 - **38% of the students served are of Hispanic origin, 32% are White, 25% are black and 18% ELL.**

Title III Program Information

- Title III serves 4,282,886 children (CSPR 2007)
- Of the 4,282,886 children served by Title III, 2,999,838 are also served by Title I (70%)



Our Challenges

- 27% dropout. Percentage worse among minorities.
- By 2016, 4 out of 10 jobs will require advanced education or training.
- Only 40% earn a 2/4 year degree. Enrollment rates are unequal among subgroups.
- Income-based achievement gap.
- 10th world-wide in rate of college completion.



Moving America's Education System Forward

America will have the highest proportion of college graduates of any country by 2020 (President Obama's Goal for Education)

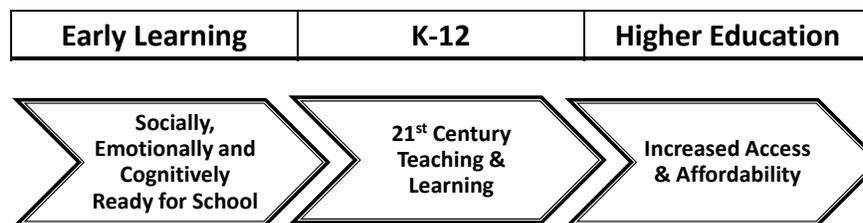
What we need to accomplish:

- Improve Student Achievement
- Close Achievement Gap
- Increase Graduation and College Enrollment Rates



"Education then...is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery." –Horace Mann

Cradle to Career Strategy for Education



How do we achieve our K-12 goals?

If we FOCUS on...	it will FOSTER ...	which will RESULT in:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rigorous Standards & Meaningful Assessments <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent Instructional Teams <input type="checkbox"/> Effective Use of Data <input type="checkbox"/> Turning Around Low Performing Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Successful, Safe & Healthy Students <input type="checkbox"/> Fostering Innovation 	21 st Century Teaching & Learning	Improved Student Achievement Achievement Gaps Closed Graduation and College Enrollment Rates Increased

Carry Forward into ESEA



Area of Focus

Rigorous Standards, Assessments and Accountability

- College and career ready standards
- Better measures of student learning
- Comprehensive accountability for schools, districts, and states that focuses on improvement (growth) and results (gain)



**Area of
Focus**

Effective Use of Data

- Build statewide longitudinal data systems
- Link teachers and principals to student data
- Provide meaningful data to teachers about students
- Increase the use data for decision-making
- Create a culture of continuous improvement



Educating Diverse Student Populations

- *Continuing formula grant funding for English Learners, Migrant Education and N or D*
- *Apply new Title I accountability to English learners*
- *Keep several of the discretionary grant programs*



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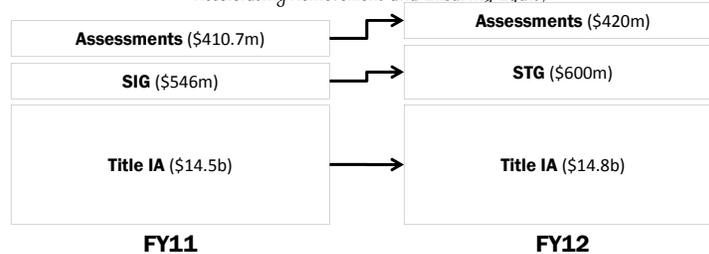
Turning Around Low Performing Schools

- Provide persistently low-performing schools the resources and supports needed to take on ambitious turnaround strategies
- Provide the tools to make courageous decisions



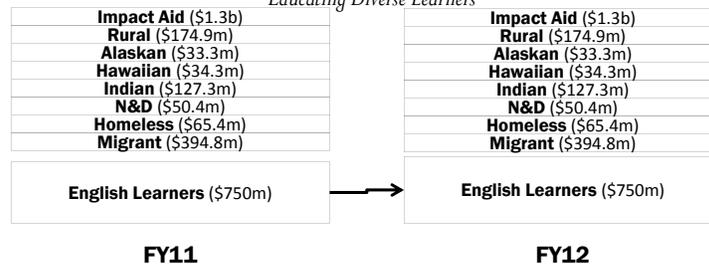
New Title I

Accelerating Achievement and Ensuring Equity



New Title II

Educating Diverse Learners



Area of Focus

Excellent Instructional Teams

- Focus on teacher effectiveness
- Develop school leadership
- Ensure equitable distribution of effective teachers and leaders
- Strengthen preparation programs
- Promote the profession

“Since changes are going on anyway, the great thing is to learn enough about them...and turn them in the direction of our desires. Conditions and events...are to be utilized and directed.” – John Dewey



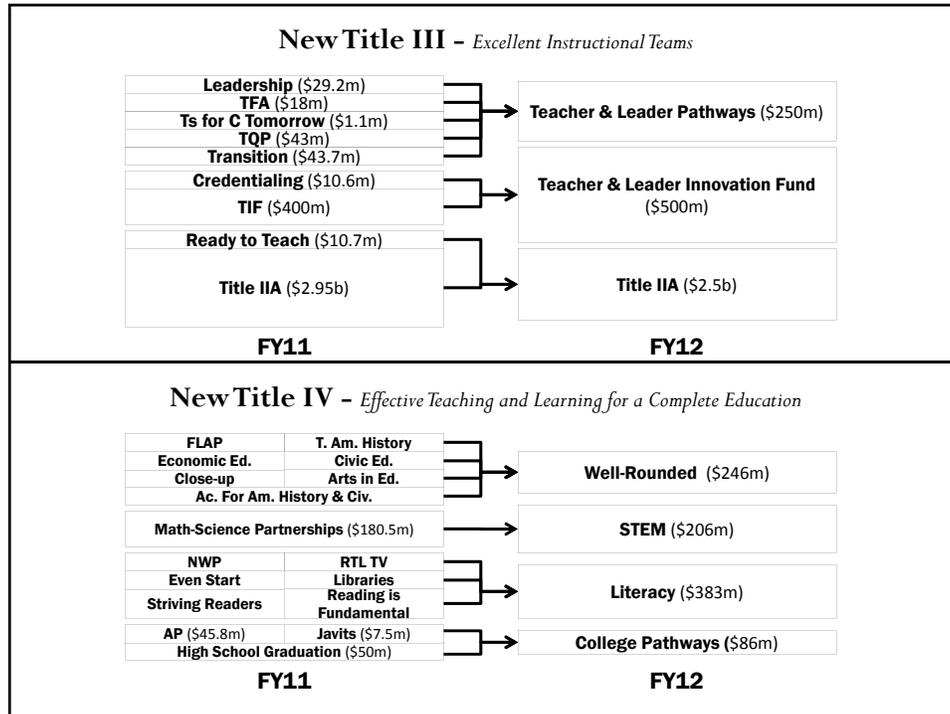


Effective Teaching and Learning for a Complete Education

- All graduates are college and career ready
- Improved literacy instruction
- Improved STEM instruction
- Ensure a well-rounded instructional program







Area of Focus

Successful, Safe & Healthy Students

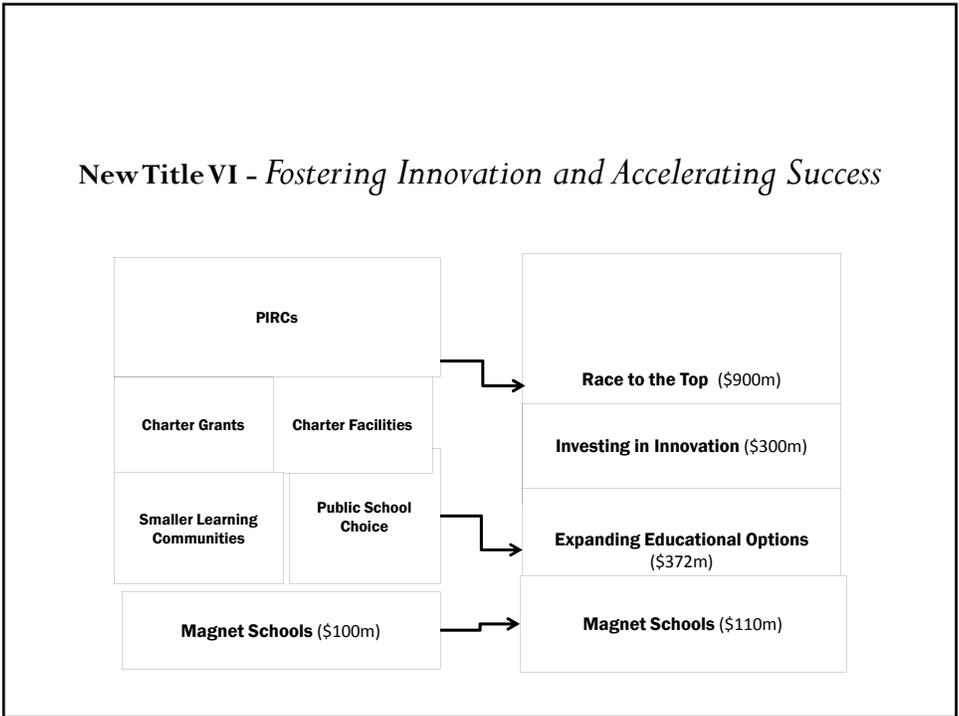
- Shared responsibility for student success
- Safe schools & positive school climates
- Comprehensive student supports and improving students' health and well-being



Area of Focus **Fostering Innovation**

- Build and share the evidence base
- Expand and sustain innovation
- Bring schools into the 21st century

**"I want the department to become an engine of innovation, not a compliance machine."
--Secretary Duncan**



ESEA Principles for Success

- Raise the bar for all students, close the gap
- Tight on goals, loose on means
- Build school, district, and state capacity for reform
- Develop a culture of innovation and excellence
- Recognize, reward and bring success to scale
- Build a culture of continuous improvement

Thank you for the opportunity to share!

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"All of us have a role to play in building an education system that is worthy of our children and ready to help us seize the opportunities and meet the challenges of the 21st century." ~ President Obama